Since their resignations had not been accepted, they were allowed to do so and also retain their seniority; This was resisted by the Indian Commercial Pilots, Association (ICPA) and some of its members reported sick en masse.

(c) A number of flights were cancelled and Indian Airlines suffered a loss of Rs. 1.55 crores.

(d) The number of occasions pilots of Indian Airlines have suspended work during the last three years are as under :

1992	3
1993	3
1994	2

(e) Discussions were held with ICPA and it was decided that guidelines will be framed to deal with such cases in future.

Construction of Airports in Gujarat

2508. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for construction of Airports at Suarat, Amreli and Deesa with the help of private sector on the build-own-and-operate basis; and

(b) what is the present status of the Airstrips (Runway), ATC Building, V.O.R. and other navigational aids at Surat, Deesa Amreli and Jam Nagar ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The present status of various aids is as follows :—

Station	Runway (length)	ATC Building)	VOR	Other Navigational Aids
Surat .	4300′ × 100′	Nil	Nil	Non-Directional Beacon is available.
Deesa .	3296′ × 100′	Nil	Nil	Nil
Amreli .	3000′ × 150′	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jamnagar	8250′ × 150′	Available (belongs to Indian Air Force)	VOR being installed	Distance Measuring Equipment being installed.

Operation of in and out flights by IA and AI

2509. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of in and out flights operated by the Air India and Indian Airlines and the foreign carriers as on 31st October, 1994;

(b) the capacity and number of passengers carried by each of them during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the amount of revenue earned alongwith profits repatriated by each foreign Airline during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the inward remittances by the Air India and Indian Airlines separately during the above period, year-wise and country-wise.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

मध्य प्रदेश में हवाई पट्टियों का निर्माण

2510. श्री दलीप सिंह जूदेव : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश में और अधिक पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने हेतु

निकट भविष्य में वहां नई हवाई पट्टियों का निर्माण करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार विद्यमान विमानपत्तनों का दर्जा बढ़ाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) हवाई अड्डों का उन्नयन एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है और इनका उन्नयन यथाप्रक्षित आवश्यकताओं तथा संसाधनों की उपलब्धता के आधार पर चरण-बद्ध रूप से किया जाता है । राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने मध्य प्रदेश में निम्नलिखित हवाई अड्डों को आधुनिक बनाने की योजना है :—

भोपाल : यात्री टर्मीनल भवन और धावन-पथ में सुधार करना ।

इन्दौर : इसे आदर्श हवाई अड्डे के रूप में विकसित किया जा रहा है ।

रायपुर : यात्री टर्मीनल भवन, एप्रन और धावनपथ में सुधार ।

जबलपुर : इसे बोइंग प्रचालनों हेतु उपयुक्त बनाना ।

Loan agreement with OECF, Japan

2511. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1411 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 1994 and state :

(a) the terms and conditions of the agreements entered into with the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund of Japan for development of infrastructural facilities along the Buddhist Travel Circuits in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and for the development of Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra;

(b) the amount of loan utilised by each State, so far; and

(c) the progress of these projects so far, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The loan amount of 9.244 billion Japanese Yen for U.P. and Bihar project carries interest @2.5% p.a. and is repayable over 20 years with a grace period of 10 years. The loan agreement which was originally upto January, 1994 has been extended by the OECF of Japan upto January, 1997. The OECF loan assistance for the Ajanta and Ellora Project is to the tune of 3745 Million Japanese Yen and is repayable over 20 years with a grace period of 10 years at an interest of 2.6% p.a.

(b) and (c) The OECF loan is not available in advance. The executing agencies have to first incur expenditure from their own budgetary resources and then claim reimbursement from OECF. A calim of Rs. 42.76 crores has been reimbursed/processed by OECF to the States of U.P. and Bihar. The Government of Maharashtra and ASI under Ajanta and Ellora Project have incurred Rs. 52 lakhs and Rs. 24 lakhs respectively. However, they have not made any reimbursement claim to OECF.

The project in U.P. and Bihar is scheduled to be completed by March, 1996 and Ajanta and Ellora by December, 1996.

Procedure for Air India travel agency

2512. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Air India agent in New York owing Air India over two lakh dollars has gone bankrupt;

(b) if so, what are the chances of recovery stating the amount since recovered, if and, from the agent; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove the deficiencies if any, in the procedure/terms and conditions for giving Air India travel agency both within and foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of US $ 1,00,000 has been recovered from the agent by encashing the Letter of Credit. A legal suit has been filed